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1. WE GREATLY APPRECIATE BANGKOK'S VIEWS ON US/ASEAN
ECONOMIC CONSULTATIONS WHICH OBVIOUSLY REFLECT A GREAT DEAL
OF THOUGHT AND CONCERN FOR THE NECESSITY OF RESPONDING
POSITIVELY TO THE ASEAN INITIATIVE.

2. WE SEE NO OBJECTION TO ASEAN POSTS INFORMALLY DISCUSSING
WITH HOST GOVERNMENTS FACT THAT CONSULTATIONS HAVE BEEN
PROPOSED AND WHAT OUR RESPONSE HAS BEEN, BEARING IN MIND
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(PER REFTELS B) THAT WE SHOULD AVOID UNDERCUTTING PHILIPPINE
ROLE AS ASEAN-DESIGNATED CONTACT POINT.

3. REGARDING THE AGENDA, WE WOULD LIKE TO ASK WHETHER
THE DEPARTMENT CONTINUES TO WISH TO AVOID AN AID COLORATION
TO THE CONSULTATIONS (REFTEL D) AND, IF NOT, WHETHER IT IS

IN OUR INTEREST TO PROPOSE A WIDE RANGE OF PROJECTS WHICH
MIGHT AMOUNT TO THE BEAR HUG WE HAVE BEEN TRYING TO AVOID.
FOR DEPARTMENT'S INFORMATION, ASEAN/AUSTRALIAN DIALOGUE
WHICH IS MOST ADVANCED OF THE ASEAN DIALOGUES BEGAN WITH
ASEAN/AUSTRALIAN CONSULTATIVE MEETING IN CANBERRA IN 1974,
OUT OF WHICH EMERGED FIVE PROJECTS -- ONE FOR EACH OF THE
ASEAN COUNTRIES TO HANDLE. (MEMCON THIS SUBJECT POUCHED
TODAY.) DEPARTMENT MAY WISH ALSO TO TAKE THIS FACTOR INTO
CONSIDERATION IN FORMULATING OUR RESPONSE.
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